(VII) The State of Assam which already enjoyed the status of 'special category' would now be given assistance on the pattern of 90 per cent grant and 10 per cent loan.

(VIII) A package for the revival of Ashok Paper Mills was prepared in consultation with the Govt. of Assam and accordingly a grant of Rs. 67.08 crores was approved out of which a sum of Rs. 10.69 crores was released to the State in March, 1990.

(IX) A grant of Rs. 2.40 crores has been released for the revival of the Cooperative Jute Mill and the Mill has been revived.

(X) The cases of disciplinary action against Central employees have been reviewed with sympathy.

(XI) Ex-gratia payment Rs. 5000|- per person has been made to the next of kin of those who were killed in the course of agitation and the entire amount has been given by the Central Government as grant to the State Government.

(XII) The upper age limit was relaxed for a period of 5 years by the Central Government for Central employment in case of candidates from Assam.

(XIII) The setting up of an Oil Refinery at Numaligarh in Assam is under active processing.

(XIV) An Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) is being set up in Assam.

Production of Petroleum and Allied Products by Oil Industry

*7. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total production of petroleum and allied products by Oil Industry during the year 1990-91;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation exported 2.48 million tons of surplus petroleum products valued at Rs. 935 crores during the year 1990-91; and

(c) the quantum of foreign exchange earned by the IOC during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) About 50.087 million tonnes.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) US dollar 520 million approximately.

Southern Gas Pipeline

*8. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for a Southern Gas pipeline from Bombay High to Cauvery basin in Tamil Nadu *via* the Kerala coast;

(b) whether any Chamber of Commerce of any Southern State have submitted a memorandum in this regard; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) A techno-economic feasibility study for a Southern gas pipeline is being carried out.

Objeitives of IMPCL

*9. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Medicine Pharmaceutical Corporation

Limited was set up with the prime objective of producing pure and authentic Ayurvedic and Unani medicines; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to ensure the quality and effectiveness of Unani medicines produced by Indian Medicine Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Medicine Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited (IMPCL) procures genuine raw materials and prepares medicine according to methods described in Unani literature. CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HEALTH SCHEME, which is the main purchaser of Unani medicines from IMPCL, keeps a close watch on the quality of the medicines supplied by IMPCL.

Allotment of LPG dealership

*10. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken a review of the policy regarding allotment of L.P.G. dealerships in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Ridges in the Capital

*11. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ridges in the Capital are facing encroachment and destruction of trees and shurbs thereby threatening the greenery and ecology of Delhi; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to preserve the ridges in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministry of Urban Development has constituted a Committee to prepare an action plan for preservation of the ridge under the aegis of Forest Department of Delhi Administration/Ministry of Environment and Forests. The report of the Committee is awaited.

कैंसर के इलाज के लिए टीके का निर्माण

*12. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कैंसर रोगियों के लिए देश में "एटोपोसाइड इंजैक्शन" का निर्माण हो रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका मूल्य क्या है तथा उसकी उपलब्धता संबंधी स्थिति क्या है ; और

(ग) यह टीका कम से कम मूल्य में गरीबों को उपलब्ध करवाने के लिए सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री एम.एल. फोतेदार) : (क) जी, हां. मैसर्स सिप्ला द्वारा एटोपोसाइड का उत्पादन इंजैक्शन के रूप में शुरु करदिया गया है ।

(ख) और (ग) इंजेक्शन के रूप में एटोसोसाइड का खुदरा मूल्य प्रति 5 मि० लि० एम्प्युल 210/- रुपये है । देशीय उत्पादन के अलावा,, इस औषध की उपलब्धता में आई किसी भी कमी को पूरा करने के लिए इसे आयात करने की भी अनुमति दी जाती है । सरकारी अस्पतालों में कैंसर रोगियों को या तो